



Virginia Green Lodging



Mansion on Main Smithfield

Enjoy being in the heart of Smithfield, Virginia's quaint Historic District, a tourist's and vacationer's delight. More than your usual vacation, business, or event rental, Mansion on Main provides upscale lodging for up to 12 individuals at vacation or business rates; wireless high-speed Internet broadcast, extended cable channels, central heating and air conditioning; and elegant parties for up to 70 persons. Families with well supervised children are welcome!

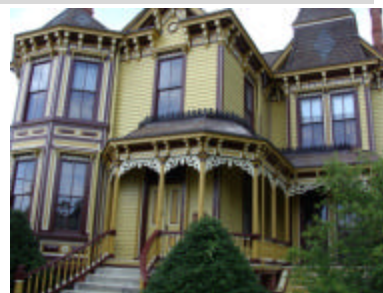
Green Statement: Mansion on Main grows its own organic fruit on its property. It also grows organic herbs in its garden.

GREEN ACTIVITIES



Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible



Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: in kitchen area; staff also separates recyclable materials from daily waste collection
- Also recycle office paper, cardboard
- Use rechargeable batteries when possible

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Best Practices to preclude clogging ingredients entering local water/sewer system maintained in kitchen procedures

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Glass, porcelain, china, or pottery drinking cups used with guest food service

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Provide cotton towels for hand drying in public restrooms

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilizes native species
- Have installed cisterns
- Have installed rain barrels
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms an the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used



Green Events Package. The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Recycle all possible materials
- Developing “green” incentives for groups

For more information on **Mansion on Main**, see www.mansion-on-main.net or contact Betty Clark or Dawn Riddle at mansion-on-main@charter.net or (757) 357-0006.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established “core activities” specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.

